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SAM DOSS GIVEN PRELIMINARY HEARING

Bound Over to Circuit Court and Bond Fixed at \$3,000.

The preliminary hearing before J. P. Zolman, justice of the peace, of Sam Doss was held at the Court House on last Monday, and after examining five witnesses on the part of the State and three on the part of the defendant, Esquire Zolman announced that he would bind Doss over to await the action of the Grand Jury and fixed his bond at \$3,000, which Doss very promptly gave.

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Clyde Morsey had, after the Coroner's inquest, filed his affidavit before W. F. Arnold, justice of the peace at Desloge, charging Doss with murder in the first degree, for the alleged killing of Otto Huitt at the picnic at Desloge on July 3, 1915. On the return of Prosecuting Attorney Henry Davis, and after some investigation by him, he saw proper to cause his assistant, Morsey, to file an affidavit before J. P. Zolman, charging Doss with murder in the first degree for the alleged killing of Otto Huitt at Desloge July 3, 1915, and dismissed the affidavit filed before Judge Arnold.

The facts brought out by the witnesses examined by the State were as follows:

Dr. J. H. English, Coroner, testified as to the five wounds found on the body of Otto Huitt, either of four would have produced death.

The other four witnesses on behalf of the State, each testified that they did not see the first part of the fight, that is that part wherein Huitt had made an insulting remark to Judge G. O. Nations while he was speaking, and had stabbed Doss under the right eye and then clinched Doss and threw his left arm around Doss's neck, and attempted to cut Doss's throat; but began by detailing the facts just as Doss and Huitt were separated; and from this time on, the State's evidence tended to prove that Huitt had been taken hold of by Deputy Sheriff John Hibbitts and one or two others, and Doss had been taken hold of by two or four men; that there was at the time of the first shot, some twenty or thirty feet separating the two, and Doss wheeled and rushed upon Huitt and shot him five times.

The testimony of the three witnesses on the part of the defendant tended to prove that Judge Nations was speaking from the steps leading up to a twenty by twenty platform; that Doss was out in front of him, with Deputy Sheriff John Hibbitts immediately to his back and rather at his right side; that Huitt came up and brushed by Hibbitts' side, took his position behind and to the right of Doss and made an insulting remark to or concerning Judge Nations and that Doss remarked that if he (Huitt) did not want to listen to Judge Nations, he (Huitt) could go away—or words to that effect; that Huitt, with an oath, stabbed Doss under his right eye, and immediately threw his left arm around Doss's up-lifted right arm, attempted to cut Doss's throat, but in doing so inflicted a severe cut upon his (Huitt's) left hand and fingers, and gave Doss a very severe wound on his left face, following the lower jaw bone from just in front of the left ear to the point of his chin; that from two to four men grabbed each of them and separated them; that Huitt, with oaths, was advancing, knife in hand, to Doss, and Doss stated, "You son of a —, you can't cut my throat," and pulled his pistol and advanced toward Huitt, shooting as he advanced until he had fired five shots and snapped his pistol once; that Huitt began to sink or fall after the second or third shot, and finally fell face downward and across some bushes.

The State was represented by Henry Davis, Prosecuting Attorney, and B. H. Boyer; the defendant was represented by Benj. H. Marbury, W. L. Hensley, F. A. Benham and William Coffey.

SACRIFICE

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MRS. LOUISE POSTON PRICE

Dies in New York After Lingered Illness.

On the morning of August the 3rd, Mrs. Louise Poston Price, wife of Mr. Chester B. Price, a New York architect, formerly of St. Louis, passed into the great beyond, after a lingering illness of several months. Our fellow-citizen, Dr. C. P. Poston, of Bonne Terre, was the father of Mrs. Price.

She became the wife of Mr. Price in April, 1913, and is survived by her husband and 14-months-old son, Boyce Poston Price. It is greatly regretted that circumstances compel us to record the demise of this noble woman and we sincerely extend deepest sympathy to the bereaved relatives in this sad loss.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

The City Council met in regular session last Monday night. The Board was pleased with the improvements in the form of granitoid gutters made on the south side of Columbia street, extending from the Odd Fellows Building to the News building. There is a movement on foot to have a granitoid gutter built on the north side of Columbia street, beginning at the Post Office building and extending eastward.

The City Board approved the plans submitted by some of the property owners on the north side of Columbia street for building these gutters along their premises in this same block. It is understood that a willingness has been expressed on the part of the majority of those owning property in this block to make this improvement. It is hoped that granitoid gutters on both sides of the street will be extended through the next two blocks to the eastward.

Some complaint has been made to the Board relative to limbs and branches on trees near sidewalks, which overhang the sidewalks in many places about town. These limbs are so low, it is almost impossible for one with a raised umbrella to pass along the walk. The Council requests all persons having trees with branches hanging low over the walks to trim these branches so that there will be no hindrance to pedestrians.

The Board has instructed the Marshal to enforce the Health Ordinance relative to cleaning and disinfecting out-houses; has ordered that the weeds on vacant lots and in the gutters be cut, and is insisting on the enforcement of the Ordinance which prevents keeping hogs in a pen or sty within the city limits.

It is hoped that our citizens will observe these ordinances because their observance is necessary for the welfare of our people. It will be a great deal better for our town if it is placed in a sanitary condition voluntarily than if the citizens who are derelict in this regard compel the officers to enforce the ordinance through the courts. The officers request the co-operation of every public-spirited citizen along the line of securing a better and cleaner Farmington.

MISSOURI LOGS

For the last few years many walnut logs have been shipped from Missouri and Arkansas to Germany. The importers said the logs were used in the manufacture of furniture. It now transpires that the greater part of these logs were converted into rifle and gun stocks and are being used in the German army.

In recent years walnut had become in great demand, much of it being imported to Germany. Walnut is becoming very scarce and even the old stumps standing in the fields bring good prices. The roots are quarried and glued together, making the most beautiful designs and finish. This is known as Circassian walnut. The largest roots make the finest gun stocks and they never break when used by the soldiers in clubbing the enemy. It may be that the old walnut tree from which you gathered walnuts as a boy may now be playing a part in the memorable war in Europe, part of it being used as gun stocks.—Hoyell County Gazette.

GERMANS TAKE METAL ON HELMETS FOR SHELLS

Petrograd, July 16.—The latest German prisoners brought to Kieff are wearing a new pattern helmet entirely devoid of brass ornament. They say the old "pickelhauben" has been returned to be diverted of the metal parts which are needed for the manufacture of shells.

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FAST MOTOR CRAFT TO FIGHT U-BOATS

England to Dot Seas With 1,500 Vessels Carrying Cannon to Attack Submarines.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 3.—A great fleet of high power armored motorboats will soon be used by Great Britain, it was learned here today, against Germany's deadly submarine campaign.

Five hundred of these boats are being built in the United States for England and a thousand or more are being turned out in British shops. They will be from 60 to 80 feet in length with a speed capacity of from 30 to 50 miles an hour. They will carry 3-inch guns.

It is said to be the plan of the English Admiralty to literally dot the war zone with these little craft, use them as convoys for merchant ships and rely on them to sink any submarine that shows its periscope above the water line.

Each boat will be supplied with a strong searchlight to sweep the sea at night and thus prevent the submarines from coming to the surface to charge storage batteries, which the under-water destroyers must do ever so often.

AN INTERESTING DELINIAION PAST, AND POSSIBLE FUTURE SUCCESS

July 17, 1915.

Dear Sir:—For the past five years I have been working as a miner in the Joplin District. Before coming here I worked in and about the mines at Bonne Terre and Leadwood most of my life. While I have not known, personally, of the actual conditions in the Lead Belt since leaving there, yet I have, through others, and by reading the papers from St. Francois county, learned that in the past few years, especially since C. B. Parsons and the old reliable F. P. Graves are no longer running things, there is great unrest and dissatisfaction among the employes as well as the stockholders of the companies. Out here we have been reminded in the past week of how smoothly and satisfactorily the above mentioned gentlemen used to settle differences and misunderstandings that came up years ago between employes and the St. Joe and Doe Run companies. The mines here were all closed down for two weeks until the present week. The operators just got down to brass tacks and reasoned it all out with the miners, like F. P. Graves used to do there in St. Francois county, and the result was that every mine was in full blast last Monday.

We celebrated with a barbecue and picnic last Tuesday.

The men all went back to work at the same old wages which is better than is being paid anywhere in the country. Everything is fine and everybody is happy. Today is the first pay day since the strike. We get paid every Saturday. Just ask some of the boys if that is not the way they used to settle things when F. P. Graves, the working man's friend, was on the job.

AN OLD TIMER,

From St. Francois County.

OPERA HOUSE OUTFIT FOR SALE

On account of going out of the business and needing my room for other purposes, I offer for sale my entire opera house outfit, consisting of a full line of scenery, stage settings and properties, 400 modern folding seat opera chairs, a lot of circus seats for gallery, and everything necessary for interior of a picture show or an opera house in a town up to 5,000 population. Will sell cheap for cash or good note or will trade for city or farm property.

C. O. BIGGS, Dexter, Mo.

The "Horn of Plenty" has emptied its contents in the "land of the free and homes of the brave," judging by the bounteous harvests.

IN MEMORY OF LAVINA BLACKWELL

I would feel that I had failed to perform a duty that I owe to the memory of my dear friend, Aunt Lavina Blackwell, were I not to pause to add a brief sad tribute to her memory.

"A whiter soul, a fairer mind,
A life with purer course and aim,
A gentler eye, a voice more kind,
We may not look on earth to find.
The love that lingers o'er her name
Is more than fame."

By the rock of marble that marks the family burial lot on the hill-slope overlooking the old home-stead, the body of Lavina Blackwell was buried today—a place typical of the rugged character which had chosen the place in years gone by.

The funeral services, ably conducted by Rev. Hamrick, was one such as Blackwell has seldom known, because "Aunt Vina" belonged not only to the village of Blackwell, but to all this country. And from far and near her old friends came with sorrowing hearts, the early train from the north brought many, and by automobile and carriage they arrived by the hundreds.

After the service, was taken up the long march over vale and hill to the cemetery. It was just such a funeral in just such a place as would pull the hardest on the heart-strings of the members of the family who were left to mourn, as it would bring more vividly to memory the tender moments that had been spent on the same spot with the deceased in her life. Yet, there was something about it—the dead shade of the trees, the hushed songs of the birds, the music selected for the occasion, the words of the minister, the sorrowing friends, the solemnity of the scene—that seemed to designate it as the funeral of the deceased and made to be just the kind of a funeral she herself would have desired had she been able to plan it for herself.

Under the blue skies and fleecy clouds of her beloved old home-stead she lies in her final earthly resting place, where the rustling murmurings of the foliage speak in answering language to the changeful melodies of the near-by rippling springs, and where bloom the forget-me-nots of affectionate remembrance and the immortelles of lasting regret. There the early swallow warbles his psalm to the morning air, and the night bird's evening carol blends with the purling of the star-lit waters of beautiful Big River.

"The night dew that falls, though in silence it weeps,
Shall brighten with verdure the grave where she sleeps;
And the tear that we shed, though in secret it rolls,
Shall long keep her memory green in our souls."

Trained in the severe school of experience, she neither knew nor cared much about the requirements of high society or about the blandishments of wealth; but that great strong, magnificent soul did know to its depths the life of the common people, and there never was a thought, there never was an act, that was not in the interest of true womanhood in absolutely the best sense.

She was for the things that benefited the great mass of the people, and it was perfectly natural that it should be so, because she came from the ranks of that noble class. By her illustrious living she has given an example to those who come after, of the possibilities of citizenship under our present environment.

She was of a cheerful disposition and in a remarkable degree possessed the power to impart that cheerfulness to others. When the strong bow had been bent in breaking, the fugitive thoughts of her great brain were of the friends by whom she was surrounded, and how they might best be provided for. Let us believe that as she looked into the beyond, she read in the unspoken language of the stars a mystic meaning which only the parting soul ready to meet its Maker may know. Then in a moment the weary soul was at rest, and our dear friend, ready and without a tremor, met her Pilot face to face—that same good Pilot who said: I am the resurrection and the life. He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live, and whosoever believeth in me shall never die.

The words we chronicle here today are not flattery. They are addressed as a friend to a friend and are merited by a long and useful life—the memory of which will endure long after our poor words are disintegrated from the pages upon which they are written.

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Her calmness and self-possession gave the impression, to the casual beholder, of coldness and lack of feeling and sympathy; yet beneath the calm was a nature as simple and direct as that of childhood, and within her breast there pulsated as warm a heart as that of any who has wiped away the orphan's tears or relieved the distress of suffering humanity. Her charity was white-handed and voiceless.

Missouri has produced her meed of women of greatness, and in the foreground, among the greatest of them all, and on the scroll of its magnificent fame, there stands the memory of Lavina Blackwell, whose worth we commemorate today.

And the life of our dear departed sister and neighbor carries home the conviction, that the journey of life with all its uncertainty, disappointments, sorrows and tears, still affords opportunity for the performance of deeds and the rendition of service, the influence of which will endure indefinitely in the hearts of others; and that if life were patriarchal in its length, each day would still bring new problems, and that the longest life ends where it began—in a dream of happiness never realized.

It all comes back to this: If this little space in eternity which we call life is the beginning and the end of it all, then it is an inexplicable tragedy; if it is a stage in a journey onward, then it is, indeed, an opportunity.

The gracious word of assurance from the Book, that the Father is home sick for their coming, and heaven is all astir to receive the looked-for children into the raptures of an expectant company, and into the love-welcome of the Father's heart, is assuring.

The death which seems so worthless on this side is "priceless" on the other; God is making up His jewels, and is adding one more gem to His resplendent crown. This is the lesson that comes to us by the passing of our dear deceased whose life I am briefly reviewing. What is life? Tell us, friends from the high abode of death, what is life? We ask this question and no answer comes as we watch and wait. But I have long been persuaded that if life on the earth contributes to the life of the soul, we have the comforting assurance that all is well. I can not more fittingly close this inadequate tribute to the memory of Aunt Lavina Blackwell, than by saying of her what is particularly applicable to her and is the highest tribute that can be paid any woman—The world is better that she lived in it.

MRS. DR. JOHN BUTLER.

B. & O. LETS \$2,500,000 CONTRACTS

Baltimore, Md., July 19.—The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad today placed contracts for equipment that will cost approximately \$2,500,000. The orders call for 2,000 steel hopper cars and 50 cars for passenger service, and immediate delivery is stipulated in the contracts. Announcement was made today that the Maryland Steel Company has contracted for improvements in the marine department, to cost \$1,000,000.

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